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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5136

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 3919

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BX, US, MY

SUBJECT: MINIGUNS FOR BRUNEI

REF: STATE 171747

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN REGARDING PROPOSED SALE OF FOUR GE XM27-1 MINIGUNS TO THE SULTAN OF BRUNEI IN VIEW OF RECENT EXCAPE OF PRISONERS AND CONSEQUENT BELICOSE STATEMENTS REGARDING LIMBANG FROM THE ISTANA IN BANDAR SRI BEGAWAN (KL'S 3778 AND 8305). HOWEVER, BRUNEI MILITARY IS COMPLETELY UNDER BRITISH CONTROL AND UK HAS MADE IT CLEAR IT WILL NOT PERMIT ITS TROOPS TO BE USED FOR AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES.

2. MOREOVER MALAYSIAN ARMED FORCES FAR OUTNUMBER AND OUTWEIGH ANYTHING THE SULTAN CULD PUT UP. FROM THE STANDPOINT OF MALAYSIAN-US RELATIONS, THE GOM, WHICH ALREADY HAS SAME AND LARGER GUNS INSTALLED IN ITS OWN AIRCRAFT, IS NOT LIKELY EITHER TO PROTEST THE SALE OR BE MUCH CONCERNED BY IT.

3. TO FURTHER SATISFY ANY POLITICAL REQUIREMENTS, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ASK EMBASSY LONDON TO CONFIRM THAT SOUTHWEST PACIFIC DEPARTMENT, FCO, HAS PROBABLY ALREADY CLEARED THIS WITH CROWN AGENT ON BEHALF HMG  
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(PROTECTING STATE), THEREBY RENDERING THIS INTO A PURELY

COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION WHICH WILL BE PICKED UP BY SOMEONE  
ELSE IF WE TURN IT DOWN.

4. ACTION: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ANY REASON  
TO PROHIBIT SALE, AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL.  
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